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FUND MEETING - NOVEMBER 7-DECEMBER 2

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1. FOLLOWING REPLIES TO REFTEL BASED ON OUR EVALUATION
AND ARE IN ORDER SET FORTH IN PARA 3.

A. BASIC GOA RESPONSIBILIY FOR UNCTAD COMMODITY ISSUES
LODGED IN DEPARTMENT OF OVERSEAS TRADE AND IS DIVIDED
BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATION DIVISION,
C. F. TEESE, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY; K. W. WILKINSON,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY, AND COMMODITY POLICY DIVISION,
A. J. MCGOLDBRICK, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, P.S. FIELD,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY (METALS AND MINERALS) AND G.L.V. HOOTON,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY(OTHER COMMODITIES AT ISSUE A UNCTAD).
WITHIN DEPARMEN OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTEREST WOULD
REST IN ECONOMIC DIVISION, J. C. HUMPHREYS, FIRST ASSISTANT
SECRETARY, AND SPECIFICALLY IN U.N. ECONOMIC AGENCIES
SECION, R. G. IRWIN, DIRECTOR AND TRANSPORT AND
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RESOURCES SECTION, W. E. WEEMAES, DIRECTOR. AT SUCH
TIME AS GOA MUST COMMIT FUNDS, THE TREASURY WILL BECOME
INVOLVED, SPECIFICALLY THE OVERSEAS ECONOMIC RELATIONS
DIVISION, J.D.C.C. MOORE, FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY AND
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BRANCH, J.W. KEANEY,
ASSISAN SECRETARY. FINALLLY, ROD HALL AND JOHN GLENN
OF AUSTRALIAN MISSION IN GENEVA CAN BE EXPECTED TAKE

LEADING ROLES IN COMMON FUND NEGOTIATIONS. IN ADDITION, AS J. T. FOGARTY, AMBASSADOR AT THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION, WAS FORMERLY, FAS, INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, DO, HE CAN BE EXPECTED TAKE KEEN INTEREST IN NEGOTIATIONS. WE SUSPECT GOA NEGOTIATING POSITION WILL BE SMOOTHLY WORKED OUT BY ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED. WHEN IT BECOMES MATTER OF MAKING FINAL DECISIONS AS TO AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN WHAT MAY BE WORKED OUT, DECISION WILL OF COURSE BE MADE IN CABINET.

B. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT CANBERRA EXPECTS TO BE REPRESENTED AT FORTHCOMING MEETING BY ONE OR TWO PERSONS ALTHOUGH NO FINAL ECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE, NOR HAVE DEFINITE CANDIDATES BEENSELECTED. WE UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT T OS LIKELY O BEFROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE ORGANIZATIONS DIVISION, DOT AND THE TREASURY. WHILE AUSTRALIAN DELEGAIONS TO SUCH MEETINGS ARE USUALLY GIVEN FAIRLY PRECISE INSTRUCIONS, THEY ARE, AT THE SAME TIME, GIVEN CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE. GOA HAS TENDENCY NOT TO WANT TO STANDOUT AMONG DEVELOPED NAIONS, AND THEY ARE OFTEN GIVEN DIRECTIONS TO SOUND OUT OTHER DC'S AND CAST THEIR VOTE WITH MAJORITY OF DC'S. IN ADDITION, AS A PRODUCER COUNTRY IN MOS INSTANCES THEY ARE OFTEN IN DIFFICULT POSITION VIS A VIS OTHER DC'S, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE CONSUMERS. FINALLY, CANBERRA FULLY EQUIPPED GIVE PROMPT INSTRUCTIONS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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RESPONSE TO TELEGRAPHIC REQUESTS FOR ADVISE.

C. DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE APPLICABLE TO AUSTRALIA.
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